

CEMETERY OVERSIGHT TASK FORCE MEETING

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2:00 P.M.

Held at: Bilandic Building,

Chicago, Illinois

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1     SPEAKERS:     MR. MATTHEW O'SHEA,  
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2                     Alderman Virginia Rugai  
3                     MRS. ALICE HENRY, Private Citizen  
4                     MR. ROBERT STANBEARY, Private Citizen  
5                     MS. TAMARA DAILEY, Private Citizen

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1 HONORABLE HOLMES: Good afternoon, and welcome to  
2 third meeting of the Cemetery Oversight Task Force. My  
3 name is Patricia Holmes. I'm honored to have been  
4 appointed as Chair of this very important task force by  
5 our governor, Pat Quinn. I am a partner at the law firm  
6 of Schiff Hardin, and I was previously a judge on the  
7 Circuit Court of Cook County.

8 I would like to introduce and announce the  
9 names of the members of our task force. Certain of them  
10 had conflicts today and are unable to make it, some are  
11 on the conference line. But I will announce their names,  
12 and to the extent that they are in the room, you see  
13 their name tags or they will raise their hand.

14 Joining me on our task force is task force  
15 member Dr. Byron Brazier, who since 2008 has been the  
16 pastor of the Apostolic Church of God.

17 Task force member William McNary has been the  
18 co-director of Citizen Action Illinois since 2000 and is  
19 the President of the U.S. Action since 1999.

20 Andrea Zopp is the vice president and general  
21 counsel for Exelon Corporation.

22 Task force member Dalitso Sulamoyo is the  
23 president and CEO of the Illinois Community Action  
24 Association since 2001.

1           Task force member Lester Coney has been the  
2   vice -- I'm sorry -- the executive vice president of  
3   Mesirow Financial since 2006.

4           Task force member Brent Adams leads the State's  
5   Department of Financial and Professional Regulation.

6           Task force member Damon Arnold is the Director  
7   of the State's Department of Public Health.

8           Task force member Michael Kotzin is the  
9   Executive Vice President of the Jewish United Fund and  
10   the Jewish Federation of Metropolitan Chicago.

11          Task force member Willie Carter is the owner of  
12   Restvale Cemetery in Alsip, Illinois.

13          Task force member Augustus Cage is the  
14   President and Director of Cage Memorial Chapels.

15          We have legislative ombudsperson to the task  
16   force appointed by the President of the Senate Senator  
17   Emil Jones, III. He represents the 14th Senate District  
18   of Illinois.

19          We have legislative ombudsperson to the task  
20   force appointed by Senate Minority Leader Cindy --  
21   Senator Randy Hultgren. Senator Hultgren represents the  
22   48th Senate District of Illinois.

23          The legislative ombudsperson to the task force  
24   appointed by the House Minority Leader is Representative

1 Dan Brady who represents the 88th House District of  
2 Illinois.

3 Also joining us is Representative Monique Davis  
4 as a legislative ombudsperson. She represents the 27th  
5 District of Illinois, and Representative Ken Dunkin who  
6 represents the Fifth House District of Illinois.

7 As many of you already know, on July 16th,  
8 Governor Quinn signed Executive Order 16 which formed  
9 this task force. It was formed in the wake of the recent  
10 tragic events at Burr Oak Cemetery which have highlighted  
11 the deficiency in our current mechanisms for regulating  
12 and overseeing the operation and management of cemeteries  
13 in our state.

14 The task force's mission is as follows: First,  
15 by September 15th we will conduct a comprehensive review  
16 of Illinois's present structural arrangement for  
17 regulating cemeteries and the circumstances surrounding  
18 the recent tragic events at Burr Oak Cemetery.

19 The task force's second responsibility is by  
20 September 15 to submit a report of these findings to the  
21 Governor and to the Secretary of the Department of  
22 Financial and Professional Regulation. The report will  
23 provide detailed recommendations on policies, laws, rules  
24 and regulations that should be implemented to ensure that

1 the deceased are cared for in a humane and very  
2 respectful manner.

3 We will now begin calling witnesses who desire  
4 to testify. We will call them today in the order of  
5 advanced notice first and then members of the public  
6 next.

7 The only person who has scheduled today in  
8 advance to testify is Mr. Matt O'Shea, Assistant to  
9 Alderman Virginia Rugai.

10 Mr. O'Shea, if you're present, please step  
11 forward to the microphone.

12 This is Mr. O'Shea.

13 If you wouldn't mind please spell your entire  
14 name so that our court reporter will have the correct  
15 spelling.

16 MR. O'SHEA: My name is Matthew O'Shea,  
17 M-A-T-T-H-E-W, O, apostrophe, S-H-E-A. I serve as  
18 aldermanic assistant to Virginia Rugai, Alderman of the  
19 19th Ward.

20 Obviously why we're all here today stems from  
21 Burr Oak, but there is another cemetery on the southwest  
22 side where there's serious problems at. That cemetery is  
23 Mount Hope Cemetery located at 11500 South Fairfield  
24 Avenue, which is in unincorporated Cook County. The

1 owner of that cemetery is Mr. Robert Troost who owns at  
2 least 8 other cemeteries in the metro area. Our office  
3 has had contact with Mr. Troost, the cemetery owner, on  
4 several occasions over the last number of years regarding  
5 problems we've had with the cemetery, the most recent of  
6 which is the deal going on at Mount Hope, which is, \$700  
7 cash and we'll bury your loved one. They don't accept  
8 credit cards or checks. It's cash only.

9 We've had incidents there with shots fired as  
10 rival gang members bury their loved ones. We've had  
11 incidents where 115th Street from Western Avenue to  
12 Kedzie Avenue is completely blocked off in a bottleneck  
13 because there are as many as five processions attempting  
14 to get into the cemetery at one point. There have been  
15 arrests made there on site.

16 The problem we have is, although, we represent  
17 the 19th Ward, which is the City of Chicago, 115th Street  
18 is the border. We're dealing with unincorporated Cook  
19 County.

20 Sheriff Tom Dart has been extremely helpful  
21 with several of incidents we've had working with not only  
22 the 22nd District from the Chicago Police Department.  
23 The problem is, we have a situation going on, because the  
24 County is so large, we can't get the police response that



1 we need to in a timely manner.

2 In one conversation that I had with Mr. Robert  
3 Troost after several phone calls, messages left, his  
4 quote to me was, What's the big deal? Well, it is a big  
5 deal because something is going to happen out there at  
6 Mount Hope, and something bad is going to happen. We  
7 should not be providing resources from the police  
8 department escorting funeral processions for rival gang  
9 members in and out of our community, nor should law  
10 enforcement be put in harm's way unneeded because the  
11 cemetery won't properly run their business.

12 To give you the exact boundaries, cemetery is  
13 exactly one-half mile square bordered by 115th Street on  
14 the north, 119th Street on the south, the CSX Railway on  
15 the east and the Canadian National Railway on the west.  
16 Marionette Park is a neighbor, Blue Island is a neighbor  
17 and the City of Chicago is a neighbor.

18 Thank you for your time.

19 HONORABLE HOLMES: Could you please stand for  
20 questions, if there are any?

21 MR. O'SHEA: Absolutely.

22 HONORABLE HOLMES: Any questions?

23 REPRESENTATIVE BRADY: Thank you very much,  
24 Mr. O'Shea, for your testimony.

1           Regarding the \$700 cash transaction that the  
2 cemetery is offering, do you know what's included with  
3 that? In other words, are we talking just burial space,  
4 are we talking opening, closing, are we talking about --  
5 what all is involved for the \$700, and do you know what  
6 they're telling families?

7           MR. O'SHEA: To the best of my knowledge it is just  
8 they will put your loved one in the ground, and that was  
9 undercover officers from Cook County Sheriff's Police  
10 that actually went in and asked those questions. That  
11 wasn't anybody that's come forward.

12          DR. BRAZIER: Do you know of anything that's being  
13 done there that's illegal?

14          MR. O'SHEA: As we speak?

15          DR. BRAZIER: Yes.

16          MR. O'SHEA: To the best of my knowledge nothing has  
17 been done because I'm certain after things came to light  
18 at Burr Oak Mr. Troost cleaned up his act. We have not  
19 had any incidents in the last couple weeks.

20          SECRETARY ADAMS: Is it a private cemetery under the  
21 jurisdiction of the Comptroller?

22          MR. O'SHEA: I'm not certain of that.

23          SECRETARY ADAMS: Has the Comptroller been contacted  
24 regarding this cemetery?

1 MR. O'SHEA: Yes, we have met with Comptroller  
2 Hyne's office, we have met with Cook County Sheriff Tom  
3 Dart's office, we have met with Superintendent Jody Weis  
4 of the Chicago Police Department, we've met with the Law  
5 Department of the City of Chicago on this issue.

6 SECRETARY ADAMS: Has the Comptroller taken any  
7 action -- in the event the Comptroller maintains that  
8 cemetery's license, has the Comptroller taken any action,  
9 regulatory action with respect to the cemetery?

10 MR. O'SHEA: It's my understanding they have  
11 investigated the books on the cemetery, but it's also my  
12 understanding that the Comptroller's hands are tied in  
13 that he does not have the ability.

14 HONORABLE HOLMES: Could you follow-up on at that?  
15 What do you mean by that?

16 MR. O'SHEA: It's my understanding that the  
17 Comptroller's office only investigates the books, that  
18 everything is on the up and up there. To the best of my  
19 knowledge the Comptroller's office does not have the  
20 ability to go after the license of the cemetery.

21 HONORABLE HOLMES: How did that become your  
22 knowledge? Who told you? How did you learn this?

23 MR. O'SHEA: I don't know where I got that.  
24 Possibly that's just an understanding I've had based on

1 calls we've made through the Attorney General's office,  
2 through the Sheriff's Office, through the Chicago Police  
3 Department as far as the problems with the cemetery.

4 MR. SULAMOYO: You talk about the cemetery charging  
5 \$700 for burial purposes. Has your office received any  
6 complaints from loved ones, from the community with  
7 respect to the condition of the cemetery itself?

8 MR. O'SHEA: We've received several hundred  
9 complaints from the community. A majority of those  
10 complaints stem from the activity around the cemetery. I  
11 know I personally have driven the cemetery, and it's in  
12 shambles. If I had a loved one buried there, I would be  
13 very upset about the condition of the cemetery; unkept  
14 graves, grass in some areas over a foot long, plastic  
15 decorations that I can't believe wouldn't be less than 2  
16 or 3 years old strewn about the cemetery. The concrete  
17 -- I don't know the proper term for them -- boxes that  
18 the coffin is piled up alongside the road at various  
19 locations throughout the cemetery. Not a cemetery that I  
20 would want a loved one buried in.

21 HONORABLE HOLMES: Further questions?

22 SECRETARY ADAMS: I'll just comment that I'm going  
23 to ask one of my staff, Kristin, if you could ascertain  
24 during this meeting whether Mount Hope is a licensee of

1 the Comptroller's so we can just for the record know it's  
2 regulatory status.

3 That's all I have.

4 MR. O'SHEA: I do have a petition here with over 300  
5 community residents on here asking -- demanding something  
6 be done about the condition -- conditions of Mount Hope  
7 Cemetery.

8 HONORABLE HOLMES: Further questions.

9 REPRESENTATIVE BRADY: Thank you, Ma'am Chair.

10 Mr. O'Shea, you said you have a number of  
11 signatures from individuals with complaints I'm assuming.

12 MR. O'SHEA: Just demanding that something be done.

13 REPRESENTATIVE BRADY: How recent is that? In other  
14 words, has that just come in the last month, 2 months or  
15 do you have any idea?

16 MR. O'SHEA: This is over the last couple months.  
17 This actually has been ongoing since last summer when it  
18 was first brought to our attention.

19 REPRESENTATIVE BRADY: I think you said the  
20 gentleman who owns was Mr. Robert Troost.

21 MR. O'SHEA: Troost, T-R-O-O-S-T. I have his -- I  
22 have a lot of information on Mr. Troost, but I wish you  
23 luck in getting in touch with him.

24 REPRESENTATIVE BRADY: Well, I'm assuming if he's

1 the owner of the cemetery, it's a privately owned  
2 cemetery then it falls under the regulation of the  
3 Cemetery Care Act of the State of Illinois which is  
4 governed by operations enforced by Comptroller's office,  
5 and in reading Section 1 of that management act, I think  
6 -- did you say there was discharge of firearms in the  
7 cemetery or just outside of the gates of the cemetery?

8 MR. O'SHEA: Outside the gates.

9 REPRESENTATIVE BRADY: Because there's a section  
10 that talks about the penalties and Class D misdemeanors  
11 and enforcements of something that occurs in the cemetery  
12 that's not associated with a military burial. So that  
13 might be something we want to follow-up on as well,  
14 Ma'am Chair.

15 And certainly I would strongly suggest that we  
16 direct those petitions to the Comptroller's office and  
17 the division of Cemetery Care and Burial Trust and see if  
18 we can't utilize some of the existing act for some type  
19 of enforcement. Thank you.

20 Thank you, Ma'am Chair.

21 HONORABLE HOLMES: Thank you. Any further  
22 questions?

23 Thank you so much. We really appreciate your  
24 time.

1 MR. O'SHEA: Thank you for your time.

2 HONORABLE HOLMES: Thank you.

3 Are there any other members of the public that  
4 would desire to testify today?

5 Hearing none, the task force will now engage in  
6 open discussion regarding updates with respect to what we  
7 have been investigating and where we are with respect to  
8 compiling information.

9 I'm sorry. Do I see a hand?

10 Yes, ma'am. Would you like to speak?

11 Please step forward to the microphone.

12 MRS. HENRY: Good afternoon. My name is Alice  
13 Henry, and I was at the meeting at the school the other  
14 night, and I did report some of the same thing, maybe I  
15 may say it again, but something I really wanted to  
16 mention, my son is buried at Burr Oak. He's been there  
17 since 1976.

18 1982 Burr Oak or the staff, someone, moved his  
19 headstone without my knowledge, and then they called me  
20 and told me to come out to the office, they had a  
21 headstone they didn't know what to do with it.

22 So my thing is now, I really don't know exactly  
23 where my son is buried. I remember him being in 498,  
24 Grave 4, Everough (phonetic) Section. They moved him to

1 325, Grave 5 in Everough Section.

2 When I went out to talk to the lady -- She  
3 called my house and left a message for me to come out.  
4 When I went out there, she was so rude, and I was telling  
5 her, I knew where my son was buried at. And she was like  
6 saying, you don't know, we buried Mr. Campbell Sikes in  
7 that area. And on the day she said they buried  
8 Mr. Campbell Sikes, I was at the cemetery, and I know she  
9 didn't, but -- So we went back and forth. So she said,  
10 what do you want me to do, go out there and open the  
11 grave and look in there and see if that's him? So that  
12 kind of broke me up when she said that. And so we left.

13 But my thing is now, there's two graves that I  
14 have been taking care of for 27 years. I go and take  
15 care of 498, we keep it up, and I go over to 325 where  
16 the headstone is now at. There's no headstone on 498  
17 because they moved it.

18 Now, my thing now, if they go -- I like to know  
19 which one is he really in, and before they open up  
20 Burr Oak again for service, I would like to see these two  
21 graves open. I know what color my son's -- casket was, I  
22 have a letter from the funeral home which was  
23 Metropolitan. I don't think they're in business anymore.  
24 I don't know. They was like 44 or 45th and King Drive at



1     that time, but this is in 1976, and I don't know if  
2     they're still in business, but I do have letters,  
3     information showing that they did take care of the  
4     service and what day he was buried and what day we had  
5     the funeral service. I have that information.

6           HONORABLE HOLMES: Do you have any records from the  
7     funeral home indicating on paper where he's buried? From  
8     the cemetery. I'm sorry.

9           MRS. HENRY: I understood. When I paid for the head  
10    -- when I paid for the burial spot, I have information on  
11    that how much I paid for that 498. I have a location  
12    card. All these years -- For 6 years I have location  
13    card said 498, Grave 4, then 6 years later they give me  
14    another card, I have those cards, say he's buried 325.

15          HONORABLE HOLMES: Have you reported this to the  
16    Sheriff's office?

17          MRS. HENRY: The other night when I was at the other  
18    meeting. As a matter of fact, I met at the school one  
19    Sunday and I filled out a little information on it then,  
20    but now my thing is, if they -- I feel like 498 is  
21    available the way they're looking at it. There's no  
22    headstone there. They maybe bury someone there. The  
23    headstone is in -- on 325.

24                 And my kids and my husband, we go out there,

1 and we have been taking care of this grave for all these  
2 years. I take care of both of them because I still feel  
3 he's in 498, but there's no headstone. So we just go out  
4 and we take care of 325, we go to 498. The kids say,  
5 well, why are you going doing this? I said, because I  
6 don't believe he's over here. He's over here.

7 HONORABLE HOLMES: Well, I'm not sure how that issue  
8 can be resolved, or whether it will totally be resolved,  
9 but since you have reported it, I'm sure that whatever  
10 can be done will be done at the appropriate time.

11 MRS. HENRY: As I say, my main thing today, will  
12 they open those two graves?

13 HONORABLE HOLMES: I'm not sure if they will, so I  
14 can't say that they will, but I am certain that if you've  
15 given this information to the appropriate authorities  
16 that whatever can be done will be done. So that there is  
17 closure with respect to that issue.

18 MRS. HENRY: Because I have no closure. See the  
19 thing about it again, can that grave spot be sold once  
20 Burr Oak opens up for business?

21 HONORABLE HOLMES: It would depend -- as long as no  
22 one is in it. If someone is in it then, of course, it  
23 couldn't be.

24 MRS. HENRY: It's available because there's no

1 headstone. There's no headstone.

2 HONORABLE HOLMES: Some graves don't have  
3 headstones, but they do have bodies, the individuals  
4 haven't purchased headstones. So just because there's no  
5 headstone doesn't mean that there's not a body.

6 MRS. HENRY: Don't you all have some type of -- what  
7 is it, Internet or something showing where headstones are  
8 at out there and where they're not out there?

9 HONORABLE HOLMES: Currently the Sheriff's office is  
10 taking photographs of all the headstones. They are  
11 uploading those pictures to their website which I think  
12 is [www.burroak.net](http://www.burroak.net), and those should be uploaded I think  
13 the Sheriff indicated fully within the next couple of  
14 weeks so that you'll know exactly what headstones are out  
15 there and what locations those headstones are. So they  
16 are doing an inventory to the best they can at the  
17 present time.

18 MRS. HENRY: But still my point is, 498 has no  
19 headstone so it could be sold, am I right?

20 HONORABLE HOLMES: We don't know. It depends on  
21 what the inventory is.

22 MRS. HENRY: I would hate to go out there and see a  
23 headstone on 498 because I feel that's where my son is  
24 buried at, and I have heard that they do double bury, you

1 know.

2 HONORABLE HOLMES: We're looking into that.

3 Would you mind taking a few questions?

4 MRS. HENRY: Sure. I don't mind.

5 REPRESENTATIVE BRADY: Thank you, Ma'am Chair.

6 Ms. Henry, first off, my sympathy to the death  
7 of your son.

8 I want to make sure -- being in the business I  
9 want to make sure I understand what you're saying to the  
10 committee. You're indicating that Burr Oak Cemetery  
11 disinterred your son's remains without your  
12 authorization?

13 MRS. HENRY: I'm saying they moved the headstone.

14 REPRESENTATIVE BRADY: Just the headstone, they did  
15 not physically disinter -- in other words, they did not  
16 unearth his casket and move it from the place of burial  
17 in 498 to 325?

18 MRS. HENRY: Not to my knowledge.

19 REPRESENTATIVE BRADY: Not to your knowledge. Just  
20 the headstone situation.

21 MRS. HENRY: The headstone.

22 REPRESENTATIVE BRADY: Thank you very much. You  
23 have a copy of the death certificate?

24 MRS. HENRY: Yes.

1 REPRESENTATIVE BRADY: Thank you.

2 HONORABLE HOLMES: Any other questions?

3 SECRETARY ADAMS: Have you filed a complaint with  
4 the Comptroller's office?

5 MRS. HENRY: No, no.

6 SECRETARY ADAMS: I would recommend doing that.  
7 I'll get you the number before the end of this hearing.

8 MRS. HENRY: Okay. Thank you.

9 HONORABLE HOLMES: Any others? Thank you so much.  
10 We really truly appreciate it. I know this is a very  
11 disturbing thing for you, and our hearts go out to you,  
12 and, hopefully, you will have some closure with respect  
13 to this issue shortly, but thank you very, very much for  
14 coming down.

15 Are there any other individuals who would like  
16 to testify?

17 We'll bring the microphone to you.

18 MR. STANBEARY: I'm Robert Stanbeary.

19 HONORABLE HOLMES: Can you spell your name,  
20 Mr. Stanbeary?

21 MR. STANBEARY: Robert Stanbeary. Stanbeary is  
22 spelled S-T-A-N-B-E-A-R-Y, first name Robert. I'm  
23 reporting to my family -- was trying to report to my  
24 family what you all was talking about last week. Could

1     you explain to me about the temporary burial because I  
2     didn't understand that, like you was talking about double  
3     bodies over. I didn't understand that.

4           HONORABLE HOLMES: Okay. I'm sorry. I understand  
5     what you mean.

6           There was a report from someone that in some  
7     instances individuals purchased temporary plots meaning  
8     that you would purchase a plot for a period of time, 10  
9     years, 20 years, 30 years. The question was if that  
10    information had been made plain to the individual  
11    purchasing that lot and if they knew what would occur  
12    with the bodies after that time period.

13           I think there was a recommendation made from  
14    the individual who was testifying that they would like to  
15    see that if there are temporary plots or short-term  
16    leases on the plot that it be in large print, that there  
17    be some type of notice given to the family prior to  
18    removing the body from that particular lot and that there  
19    be put in place other consumer protections so that people  
20    understand what they're buying and that they buy it with  
21    full knowledge and full consent for those types of  
22    purchases. I think that was the discussion. That was  
23    the information that was given to the commission.

24           MR. STANBEARY: Because my sister said that with my

1 father, my father was put in the ground in '86, and we  
2 didn't have no information about long or -- you know,  
3 about what we're talking about, and they didn't tell --  
4 they didn't tell my mother that. So they didn't tell my  
5 mother that, then my father supposed to be -- because we  
6 understand that when you put somebody in the ground,  
7 that's for keeps. So how can -- if they for keeps, how  
8 can they be short? If they're short then that mean  
9 they're taking us out of the ground.

10 HONORABLE HOLMES: You have a question,  
11 Representative Davis?

12 REPRESENTATIVE DAVIS: Thank you, Ma'am Chairman. I  
13 do apologize for being tardy this afternoon, but as  
14 legislators, you know there are people trying to get  
15 their kids in different schools and without using any  
16 clout they want to know that you can assist them in  
17 getting their children in the schools that they think are  
18 best for their kids. So we do try to encourage and help  
19 parents with those obstacles that occur.

20 I remember meeting you last week. Now, let me  
21 ask you this. Did your mother go to the cemetery and buy  
22 a plot, or did she purchase the plot through the funeral  
23 director?

24 MR. STANBEARY: I have the information in my hand

1 right now.

2 REPRESENTATIVE DAVIS: What information is that?

3 Could someone see that we get that up here,  
4 please.

5 Is it your contract with the funeral -- with  
6 the cemetery?

7 MR. STANBEARY: I don't know. That's all that I  
8 have that my mother gave me.

9 REPRESENTATIVE DAVIS: We'd like to take a look at  
10 that. Thank you.

11 While we're waiting for that to come up, Ma'am  
12 Chairman, I'd like to ask a question about our  
13 procedures. Will the owner of the cemeteries, these  
14 cemeteries, Burr Oak and Cedar Park, be available or  
15 subpoenaed for questioning because I find it highly  
16 unacceptable for the owner of a cemetery to be  
17 unavailable during this crisis and cannot be questioned,  
18 and especially when we hear that this practice was  
19 occurring over a period of years. So surely, Ma'am  
20 Chairman, we want to hear from the owner of these  
21 cemeteries.

22 HONORABLE HOLMES: We absolutely would love to hear  
23 from the owners of the cemetery, however, we don't have  
24 the subpoena power to force them to appear before our



1 task force.

2 Because this matter has a criminal side to it,  
3 it is quite possible that one or more of them could be  
4 potential suspects in a criminal investigation. I don't  
5 know this for sure, but it could be possible, therefore,  
6 they may or may not exercise their right to refuse to say  
7 anything in public. However, we could send a letter  
8 requesting their appearance before the task force, but we  
9 have no power to force them to testify before us.

10 REPRESENTATIVE DAVIS: Well, Ma'am Chairman, thank  
11 you for that response, and with that I'd like to say,  
12 with the permission of the committee that you do be  
13 allowed to request their presence, and if they don't  
14 appear, when legislation is being drafted and legislation  
15 is before the General Assembly we can and do have  
16 subpoena powers.

17 And in response to you, sir, this is your  
18 obituary for your father. This really is no contract.

19 MR. STANBEARY: That other paper.

20 REPRESENTATIVE DAVIS: It still is no contract with  
21 the cemetery. It's just --

22 MR. STANBEARY: That's all they gave my mother.

23 REPRESENTATIVE DAVIS: They gave you an itemization  
24 for the burial -- I mean for the funeral itself, but

1 there is absolutely nothing that indicates that --  
2 there's nothing that indicates what the burial cost.

3 MR. STANBEARY: Well, my father was buried in '86,  
4 okay. My brother was in jail at the time. When my  
5 brother got out of jail about 7, 8 years ago, 2 years  
6 after he got out he bought what you put on the grave, and  
7 it was put on my father's grave.

8 REPRESENTATIVE DAVIS: A headstone.

9 MR. STANBEARY: Yes, ma'am.

10 REPRESENTATIVE DAVIS: Is it still there?

11 MR. STANBEARY: I don't think so because with all  
12 them different graves -- them grave stones that we saw on  
13 TV, if I'm not mistaken I seen my father's name right  
14 there in that pile.

15 REPRESENTATIVE DAVIS: I would urge you to present  
16 that information to the Sheriff Dart, and he does have a  
17 representative here.

18 MR. STANBEARY: I already did. I did that.

19 REPRESENTATIVE DAVIS: Then they would know to look  
20 for that headstone. And it appears to me, based on what  
21 you have provided us, is that your funeral director made  
22 the arrangements with the cemetery and that you do not  
23 have anything itemized in reference to that. I think  
24 committee should take note that many burials in our

1 community are going directly through the funeral director  
2 and there's little representation I'll say with the  
3 cemetery, is that correct?

4 Would you agree, Mr. Stanbeary?

5 MR. STANBEARY: I agree with you.

6 REPRESENTATIVE DAVIS: Thank you, sir.

7 MR. STANBEARY: What can we do?

8 REPRESENTATIVE DAVIS: We are here to find  
9 solutions. That's what our Chairman is going to make  
10 sure that we do on this committee.

11 MR. STANBEARY: Thank you.

12 REPRESENTATIVE DAVIS: Thank you, sir.

13 HONORABLE HOLMES: One more question or comment,  
14 Mr. Stanbeary.

15 REPRESENTATIVE BRADY: Thank you very much,  
16 Mr. Stanbeary.

17 To the temporary plot or temporary burial  
18 situation that I've been hearing, my area that I  
19 represent, downstate Illinois, that's not something we're  
20 used to the terminology or otherwise. In fact, from the  
21 for the committee's information, the State of Illinois  
22 only recognizes three forms of final disposition in this  
23 state: One is cremation, one is donation to medical  
24 science, and the other is burial. So I don't know how a

1 temporary burial, once you have a burial permit from the  
2 standpoint -- even is legal in this state.

3 MR. STANBEARY: Well, I remember about -- like about  
4 -- a week after we put my father in the ground, I don't  
5 know who my mother was giving the money to, they were  
6 pressing my mother give her the last money. You see the  
7 balance on there? They stayed on her -- they stayed on  
8 my mother until we came -- they came up with that money.

9 So we under the impression that my father is  
10 permanently in the ground, that was 1986, and about I'd  
11 say roughly 2000 feet from where my father is -- not  
12 2000, but so many feet that's where the Baby Land is, and  
13 my grandbabies are buried there, three of them in one  
14 little area, one little spot because they died in a fire,  
15 they melted together, that's why they in the same coffin,  
16 and they was within walking distance.

17 REPRESENTATIVE BRADY: I think to get to an answer  
18 for you, we're just simply going to have to share the  
19 information with the Sheriff's Department and see if they  
20 can crosscheck names along with what they presently have.  
21 That's the only way we're going to be able to get an  
22 answer for you, if we can at all.

23 MR. STANBEARY: Thank you.

24 REPRESENTATIVE DAVIS: Mr. Stanbeary, I see that

1 your receipt here states that itemized memorandum was  
2 previously furnished. Now, if your mother has, or if you  
3 and your family still have a copy of that itemized  
4 memoranda, we may find out exactly what the cemetery  
5 services did cost and what the arrangements may have  
6 been. But on this, it merely has the amount that you  
7 were charged, which was \$2,179.30. The insurance paid it  
8 looks like \$1900, and then it looks like there was a  
9 balance of \$279.30.

10 MR. STANBEARY: They stayed on my mother's case  
11 until she paid that.

12 REPRESENTATIVE DAVIS: But you need your itemized --

13 MR. STANBEARY: So when I go home I'll get her to  
14 look for that.

15 REPRESENTATIVE BRADY: Thank you.

16 HONORABLE HOLMES: Okay. Not seeing any other hands  
17 -- there's one more. Step forward.

18 MS. DAILEY: Good afternoon. My name is Tamara  
19 Dailey, D-A-I-L-E-Y. I am the daughter of one of the  
20 defendants in the Burr Oak case, Maurice Dailey, and I am  
21 here just to get some clarification for myself, and I  
22 want to thank Rep. Mrs. Davis for asking the question if  
23 Perpetua will be held accountable or called forward to  
24 answer questions about this case because personally it's

1 just ridiculous.

2 My father has worked there 28 years and has not  
3 decided in the last 4 years to steal money -- dump bodies  
4 and steal money. Orders come from the office and they  
5 come from supervisors in the office. So, if you are  
6 doing what is instructed to you by supervisors or  
7 managers, how are you now accountable for something that  
8 you were instructed to do?

9 And my question is -- I have a few of them  
10 actually. Is there any rules, regulations that are  
11 against term burials, does that exist? Because I read  
12 the statutes, the Human Skeletal Remains and Cemetery  
13 Act, is there anything stopping the cemeteries from  
14 selling term burials?

15 SECRETARY ADAMS: My understanding is the answer to  
16 that question is no.

17 MS. DAILEY: No, there is --

18 SECRETARY ADAMS: There is nothing -- there is no  
19 law prohibiting term burials.

20 MS. DAILEY: Okay. So it is possible that the  
21 cemetery owner on their own decided to do this, to sell  
22 term burials?

23 SECRETARY ADAMS: That is correct.

24 MS. DAILEY: And in the State of Illinois has --

1 I've never known a cemetery to go out of business.

2 REPRESENTATIVE BRADY: They have.

3 MS. DAILEY: So what happens when they're filled to  
4 capacity? Do you know of any cemetery in the State of  
5 Illinois that has went out of business?

6 REPRESENTATIVE BRADY: If I may. Thank you very  
7 much for your questions.

8 First off, to the double burial that you were  
9 referring to, I'm not aware of anything that makes that  
10 legal within the State of Illinois through a cemetery  
11 operation. What a cemetery does privately and not  
12 clarified to the family is the whole purpose of why we're  
13 here, and that's one of the points of our problem here in  
14 this situation.

15 As far as cemeteries going out of business,  
16 cemeteries go out of business for different reasons, but  
17 primarily it's due to a financial situation, inability of  
18 the trustees of a cemetery to continue on any longer, and  
19 when things along those lines force a cemetery into  
20 receivership, that is the role of the Comptroller's  
21 Office under the Cemetery Care Act to find someone to  
22 carry on with the cemetery.

23 If you're asking specifically if a cemetery  
24 says, we have no more burial space in which to have below

1 ground burials, then the cemetery, if they have the  
2 opportunity as far as space goes to do something above  
3 ground, whether that be niches, whether that be  
4 mausoleums, but for a cemetery to -- in my area we have  
5 one that's very close to that -- they simply have to tell  
6 those who have not purchased in advance a burial space  
7 that we do not have room any longer for at-need burials  
8 for people who die without any type of pre-arrangements  
9 as far as burial spaces go.

10 So cemeteries can run out of space for those in  
11 an at-need situation who have not purchased lots in  
12 advance.

13 MS. DAILEY: And you indicated that there's nothing  
14 that makes it legal. Is there something that makes it  
15 illegal?

16 REPRESENTATIVE BRADY: There is nothing that I know  
17 that makes it legal or illegal other than what is  
18 perceived as common practice.

19 I indicated to you earlier and to the group  
20 earlier, there's only three areas that I'm aware of that  
21 we recognize as final disposition in the State of  
22 Illinois through the Department of Vital Records on  
23 burial certificates and burial permits. So it's an area  
24 I'm sure that the panel will look into, but it's a very



1   unclear situation, and it's just something of what's  
2   accepted by common practice and varies across the State  
3   of Illinois, and, quite frankly, it's very uncommon  
4   practice for any type of situation where there's burials  
5   such as that, double burials, without having some type of  
6   contract to back that up or notification to the families  
7   to do something like that.

8           MS. DAILEY: I'm not sure whether they did it or  
9   not, but I know this has been the information that has  
10   been given so I wanted to know if there is something  
11   prohibiting that. Is there also any rule --

12          HONORABLE HOLMES: Let me interrupt you just one  
13   second to make our record very clear that we are here  
14   investigating for-profit cemeteries which are slightly  
15   different than not-for-profit cemeteries or religious  
16   cemeteries or family cemeteries, which may have different  
17   rules because of just by their very nature, but what  
18   we're looking into are the for-profit cemeteries, what  
19   rules, law regulations ought to govern them so that they  
20   don't allow the profit motive to overcome them.

21          MS. DAILEY: Okay. Are there rules in place now or  
22   any mandate that requires a cemetery or cemetery owners  
23   to educate their workers that are in the field on the  
24   handling of human remains that they come across them?

1 Are they required to when they have employees join their  
2 staff, say, this is legal, this is not, if this happens  
3 you need to do this, you need to do that? Because it is  
4 -- I mean every time -- this has been ongoing, and my  
5 father has in writing notified these individuals when he  
6 has found bones, and they just told him they were a  
7 certain kind of grave.

8 I mean this was told to the public by his  
9 attorney anyway, but he has notified them, and they would  
10 say it's a certain type of grave and go ahead and do it.  
11 I'm just not understanding how these three individuals  
12 are responsible for something that they wouldn't know  
13 about. Are there any rules that mandate that these  
14 owners educate their employees on the handling of these  
15 graves?

16 REPRESENTATIVE BRADY: I'll attempt to address that  
17 with my background as a funeral director and former  
18 coroner and working with a number of cemeteries.  
19 Illinois to my knowledge does not have any legislation on  
20 the books that directs individual employees of a cemetery  
21 how in which they operate, whether that be those  
22 individuals who are in the pre-need sales side of things  
23 from a licensing standpoint or if it happens to be those  
24 individuals who are cemetery maintenance or caretakers,

1     that they have to conform with some type of specific  
2     legislation.  They, to my knowledge of the industry,  
3     would take their direction and instruction from those who  
4     either operate the cemetery, those who -- maybe the  
5     maintenance director of the cemetery, ground supervisor  
6     and would direct them as employees how they conduct their  
7     business.

8           MS. DAILEY:  Exactly.

9           HONORABLE HOLMES:  Representative, would you know  
10    are they union employees?

11          MS. DAILEY:  Yes.

12          REPRESENTATIVE BRADY:  That varies across the state,  
13    but she's right, there are unions that certainly have --  
14    they may have instructions within their unions but your  
15    specific question I believe was is there legislation that  
16    governs specifically the handling and operations of  
17    whether you're digging a grave, however you operate.  I'm  
18    not aware of any state whether a union has -- an  
19    individual cemetery has teaching opportunities,  
20    instructional opportunities.  I would think you would  
21    find a wide variety of how they would instruct employees.

22          MS. DAILEY:  Would that not be important if you have  
23    individuals digging graves and they come across remains  
24    and so that they can know the procedures?

1           REPRESENTATIVE DAVIS: Well, perhaps part of your  
2 father's act has caused us to be here today, and we do  
3 recognize that there are no licensing requirements for  
4 funeral workers, but it makes us aware that maybe this  
5 needs to be accomplished that those who are working in a  
6 cemetery need to have some type of licensing which means  
7 that they have been trained to some degree as to how to  
8 handle these very cherished remains of someone's loved  
9 ones.

10           I believe your father is out on bail, is that  
11 correct?

12           MS. DAILEY: He is.

13           REPRESENTATIVE DAVIS: He is. Why would he get out  
14 and the others don't? You don't know?

15           MS. DAILEY: Why would he got out?

16           REPRESENTATIVE DAVIS: Why is he on bail and the  
17 others ones are not?

18           MS. DAILEY: They're on bail.

19           REPRESENTATIVE DAVIS: They are on bail?

20           MS. DAILEY: They're not out. They haven't posted  
21 bail.

22           REPRESENTATIVE DAVIS: I see. I see. Your father  
23 was an employee of 28 years?

24           MS. DAILEY: For 28 years.

1           REPRESENTATIVE DAVIS: Did he have the same  
2 supervisor, did the supervisor change?

3           MS. DAILEY: There were different supervisors, and  
4 this individual Carolyn Towns that they're referring to,  
5 they did not even get along. It's like, how the H-E-L-L  
6 is he in cahoots with somebody that won't even speak with  
7 him? Won't even speak to him.

8           REPRESENTATIVE DAVIS: Let me ask this question. Do  
9 you know if the same managers are managing Cedar Park as  
10 well as Burr Oak?

11          MS. DAILEY: I'm not sure if it's the same managers.  
12 I just know they're owned by.

13          REPRESENTATIVE DAVIS: Does your dad ever speak of  
14 the owners? Did he ever talk to the owners?

15          MS. DAILEY: No. This situation that happened in  
16 2005, because he let us know, when that happened and  
17 Alsip police came out and they investigated and said  
18 nothing happened, you would think that the owners would  
19 have come out then. I don't understand how you're  
20 running a business and you don't have control or any  
21 knowledge of what's going on, of where your money is  
22 going.

23          REPRESENTATIVE DAVIS: I think that's what brought  
24 the intention of the owner to the Sheriff, the very fact

1     that his income was diminishing, he was not receiving the  
2     same kind of income.

3             MS. DAILEY:   Who was not?

4             REPRESENTATIVE DAVIS:   The owner.

5                     But I appreciate your question in reference to  
6     do cemeteries ever become full.   So part of our  
7     responsibility here will be to say they must let some  
8     recorded official know how much land do you have  
9     available, and once we figure out that land is now full,  
10    you should no longer be allowed to bury people unless you  
11    do as Representative -- my representative friend here,  
12    Representative Brady, states that you are doing some  
13    other types of burials or cremations or above ground  
14    crypts and mausoleums.   But to say that you continue to  
15    bury in burial plots when everyone should know that those  
16    plots are full, and have been full, because there's  
17    nothing else for them to do but start using them over and  
18    over again, and to my knowledge at this point there's no  
19    legislation that prohibits that, in other words, the  
20    legislation that adheres to authorized cemetery behavior  
21    is very limited.   It doesn't address many of these things  
22    because we never thought they would be needed.   Who would  
23    have thought they would have been needed?   But I wish  
24    your father would have gone to -- he went to the police I

1 guess? I don't know. Did he go to the police?

2 MS. DAILEY: Well, the police were called in 2005  
3 because there were remains, bones that were found when  
4 Com Ed dug, and they said everything was fine. But I do  
5 know that it has been sent to cemetery owners at one  
6 point, maybe back in 2005, it was sent in writing from my  
7 father that he unearthed some bones, and, you know, over  
8 the years he's not been the only digger. There are  
9 employees that, you know, have been there and gone on.

10 REPRESENTATIVE DAVIS: What would have happened to  
11 the casket?

12 MS. DAILEY: I have no idea. So that's -- I mean  
13 it's just strange to me.

14 REPRESENTATIVE DAVIS: What would have happened to  
15 the human flesh?

16 MS. DAILEY: Exactly. And I want to know what would  
17 have happened if -- if it's happened in recent years,  
18 caskets would not have deteriorated that fast.

19 REPRESENTATIVE DAVIS: Not to just leave bones.  
20 That really concerns me.

21 MS. DAILEY: Exactly. Also if the cemetery is  
22 littered with bones, who is crazy enough to steal money,  
23 move bodies and dump the bones on top of the ground?

24 REPRESENTATIVE DAVIS: Somebody must have been

1     because that's what Sheriff Dart found.

2             MS. DAILEY:   That's what Sheriff Dart filed.

3             REPRESENTATIVE DAVIS:   I would like to know from my  
4     colleague here, what happens to an embalmed body?   How  
5     long does it take for the flesh to deteriorate?

6             REPRESENTATIVE BRADY:   There's a number of factors  
7     that have to be considered, type of casket, type of  
8     vault, place in the cemetery, the list goes on.   But  
9     certainly preparation, embalming done -- I exhumed a body  
10    that had been buried for over 38 years and we still had a  
11    situation where there was adipose, which is skin on the  
12    body, clothing, et cetera, and that was done in means of  
13    a case of homicide investigation.   So there's a number of  
14    variables.

15            But to get to your question, I've long been an  
16    advocate on licensing and strengthening that licensing,  
17    and a number of states do different things.   So I know  
18    the committee is going to look into that and move forward  
19    with some of the testing requirements for everything from  
20    the cemetery director on down.

21            MS. DAILEY:   Okay.

22            REPRESENTATIVE BRADY:   Thank you.

23            REPRESENTATIVE DAVIS:   I would like to say I really  
24    appreciate you having the courage to come forward and



1 address us. I commend you for that, and if you believe  
2 your father is being unfairly maligned, then you stick  
3 with him and you work with his attorney.

4 MS. DAILEY: I think all three of them are being,  
5 you know -- I think it was -- honestly the situation was  
6 blown up, they ran out there, thought they had something.  
7 You get these random bones, there's no flesh, there's no  
8 caskets, there's nothing, and to save face it's just we  
9 are going to continue with it.

10 And then you add all these additional charges,  
11 because if it's -- we don't get them on this one, we'll  
12 get them on that one. You know, I think these people,  
13 it's all political --

14 REPRESENTATIVE DAVIS: Excuse me. I'm not going to  
15 let you get away with that. Because the FBI along with  
16 Sheriff Dart has been investigating this. We understand  
17 your support for your dad, but we're not going to say  
18 that all of these authorities were politically connected  
19 or -- we just disagree with that, but thank you for your  
20 testimony.

21 MS. DAILEY: I just said -- it was blown up to more  
22 than what it was.

23 HONORABLE HOLMES: Did you have additional  
24 questions?

1 MS. DAILEY: No. Thank you.

2 HONORABLE HOLMES: Thank you very, very much.

3 Any additional individuals of the public would  
4 like to testify or speak or comment?

5 MRS. HENRY: In 2000 -- I think it was 2007 a friend  
6 of mine -- I wish my neighbor -- I was helping take care  
7 of her and she passed away, and she had a private  
8 attorney. So we went to Burr Oak, you know, to make the  
9 arrangements. So when we got there, I don't know the  
10 lady's name, I don't try to recall names, but the lady in  
11 the office -- we went there because my friend had said --  
12 which her husband is buried there, and she always said  
13 she wanted to be buried where her husband was buried.

14 So we went out there to make the arrangements,  
15 we went in the office, and the lady told us that was  
16 working in the office, she said -- well, Mr. Sylvester  
17 Wright is his name, her husband's name -- she said, she  
18 looked on the screen, she said, we don't have no  
19 available space over there. And so then we wanted to  
20 know what did they have. And she said, we don't really  
21 know where she will be buried. She said, we in the  
22 office. Now this is the lady that told us. She said, we  
23 here in the office. She said, we never know where no one  
24 is going to be buried at. The grave diggers, they the

1 one tells us. She said, when the funeral directors get  
2 here, they directs them out to the grave site, which they  
3 have already opened, and they direct them to it.

4 And she said, then when after the person is  
5 buried they comes back and tell us where the person is  
6 buried. And she said, they bury them in rows. She said,  
7 we don't know until they come back and tell us. And my  
8 friend's name is Inez Wright, and we was there to try to  
9 bury her. That was in 2007.

10 Now her husband is at Burr Oak, but we didn't  
11 bury her there because of that, because the lady say we  
12 don't know where she going to be buried, only the grave  
13 diggers know. She said when they bury her, they will  
14 come back, give us the paperwork and then we can tell you  
15 where she's buried.

16 That's all.

17 HONORABLE HOLMES: That's very helpful. Thank you  
18 very, very much.

19 Now, what we'd like to do is have an open  
20 discussion by the task force members starting off with a  
21 report from the Secretary of DFPR so that we can make  
22 sure that we recap what we've learned so far and  
23 understand where we're going and what recommendations we  
24 think we might want to make and any other individuals who

1 we might want to hear from during our last 3 meetings.

2 SECRETARY ADAMS: Thank you, Ma'am Chair.

3 Ms. Henry, let me give you that phone number  
4 for the Comptroller's hotline. My understanding is it's  
5 a recording, but you should still leave your message.  
6 It's 877-203-3401. That's the Comptroller's hotline.

7 By way of update, the Department has been doing  
8 two major things: One is inviting certain interested  
9 parties to testify before the task force. We've invited  
10 all the constitutional officers. Comptroller Hynes and  
11 Attorney General Madigan will each be testifying on  
12 September 10th.

13 In addition to that, on the 18th, next week, we  
14 have Representative Thomas Holbrook who represents the  
15 area of Belleville, and Belleville has a cemetery located  
16 there that is being subject to some regulatory action by  
17 the Comptroller.

18 In addition, we'll have the Executive Director  
19 of Oak Ridge Cemetery and the Superintendent of  
20 Chippiannoch Cemetery in Rock island. I'm sure I  
21 mispronounced it. It is spelled C-H-I-P-P-I-A-N-N-O-C-H.

22 Then on the 27th we have Funeral Director  
23 Charles Childs testifying, we have the former director of  
24 the Cemetery Section of the Comptroller's Office, Wayne

1 Strassa (phonetic) testifying. He was the Director under  
2 Comptroller Didrickson. We also have two representatives  
3 of the cemetery industry testifying on that day, James  
4 McKeever and Lou Rago.

5 And then, again, finally, on September 10th we  
6 have the Comptroller, the Attorney General, and we have  
7 representatives of the Catholic Cemetery Conference,  
8 Father Pat Pollard and Robert Gilligan perhaps also will  
9 be testifying that day.

10 Then I have -- my staff has been very --  
11 working very hard to research a lot of the laws that bear  
12 on burial and cemeteries and the disposition of human  
13 remains.

14 I'm going to distribute to the task force a  
15 list of the many acts that touch on this issue, some of  
16 which may be -- may be amended in a context of a  
17 comprehensive overhaul, some which may not, some which  
18 might be incorporated into a more comprehensive act, some  
19 which could stand alone, some which may be transferred  
20 from the Comptroller's office to the Department depending  
21 on how we decide to do that.

22 And I also want to pass along to you -- there  
23 was some discussion at the first meeting as to the fact  
24 that burial permits used to require more information as

1 to burial location, and the Catholic Cemetery Conference  
2 kindly provided me with an old burial permit from 1999  
3 that does, in fact, reflect the requirement to include  
4 the lock, lot and grave on each burial permit.  
5 Presumably this type of form could have assisted in some  
6 of the situations we're talking about. So I'm going to  
7 pass those along as well.

8           The Department is looking at ways to perhaps  
9 develop a unique identifier for each and every grave that  
10 would be inputted into the State's electronic death  
11 registry, and that number would match up with the  
12 Department's records so that at any given time we could  
13 run a search and find out with legal certainty where  
14 someone is buried similar to the way properties have PIN  
15 numbers. Every single property in the state has a  
16 specific identification number, and that's how we get  
17 charged our property taxes. So having a specific ID for  
18 each and every grave is I think one way to help provide  
19 some order to all of this. So that -- I just wanted to  
20 give you some update.

21           We also are -- per the order of the Governor we  
22 issued an order to all Illinois funeral directors asking  
23 them to produce documents related to Burr Oak. That  
24 receipt of documents continues. We also issued subpoenas

1 to four funeral directors, and that work continues as  
2 well. In the event that any enforcement action is going  
3 to be taken with respect to those, we will be sure to let  
4 the task force and public know about that.

5 That's all I have.

6 HONORABLE HOLMES: Any questions for Secretary  
7 Adams?

8 REPRESENTATIVE BRADY: Thank you, Ma'am Chair, and  
9 thank you, Mr. Secretary.

10 First off, the Funeral Director and Embalmers  
11 Disciplinary Review Board is still in operation in the  
12 state, is it not, under your direction?

13 SECRETARY ADAMS: Yes, it is.

14 REPRESENTATIVE BRADY: In handing out the DR 204  
15 which is the permit for disposition for dead human  
16 remains, this has had variation to it over the years, but  
17 with my understanding, given the Burr Oak situation that  
18 this type of information on this permit for the years  
19 this was in effect in the State of Illinois should all be  
20 logged in to the Department of Vital of Records in  
21 Springfield, unless the cemetery did not forward that  
22 copy on or the funeral home itself. So, in other words,  
23 while this permit was in existence and being utilized in  
24 the state, those -- majority of those I would hope are

1 filed in the archives in the Department of Vital Records  
2 in Springfield.

3 SECRETARY ADAMS: Right. The question was, why did  
4 they opt in 1996 or thereabouts as it was testified in  
5 the first meeting to drop that information off of the  
6 permit?

7 REPRESENTATIVE BRADY: In my knowledge as a funeral  
8 director, when those changes were made from the period  
9 you were going to a more condensed form that was referred  
10 to as a burial permit and the focus was not the actual  
11 location in a cemetery as you have block, lot and grave  
12 here, but more so just the cemetery, and then checking  
13 the means of final disposition, once again, donation to  
14 medical science, cremation, or burial. And so it was a  
15 condensed version, a condensing down of the paperwork.

16 These forms -- those forms and even those as  
17 well had triplicates and copies that went to Public  
18 Health, et cetera, all ended up at Vital Records. So  
19 then we've even moved to one now in the State, as you're  
20 well aware, in a death certificate a combination  
21 coroner's and medical certificate of death for means of  
22 the electronic filing which is just about rolled out  
23 statewide in the State of Illinois. So it's the  
24 variations over the years, at least my exposure and



1 understanding of it is that.

2 HONORABLE HOLMES: I have a question about the fact  
3 that this form, the Permit For Disposition of Dead Human  
4 Body, indicates that it goes to the Illinois Department  
5 of Public Health. How does that then get transmitted to  
6 the Comptroller's Office, or how is that information --  
7 how is it shared, if it's shared at all, and what would  
8 be a good way for this information to be shared if it's  
9 to be maintained by Vital Records and the Department of  
10 Public Health? How could it be regulated?

11 SECRETARY ADAMS: My understanding is it's not  
12 shared. That's number 1.

13 Number 2, the way it could be shared is if  
14 there is a common database, from what I understand is  
15 being established.

16 Representative Brady, is there an electronic  
17 component to the database? Was that established pursuant  
18 to the Vital Records Act?

19 REPRESENTATIVE BRADY: The electronic --

20 SECRETARY ADAMS: Moving to the electronic, or has  
21 that just been an internal operational development?

22 REPRESENTATIVE BRADY: That has been done  
23 legislatively roughly 9 years ago by action of the  
24 legislature to create the electronic filing of birth and

1 death records. Death records we attempted to do first  
2 because we're not starting from that point on. We had  
3 all the records prior to that in death that in Cook  
4 County alone will be rolled over into electronic filing.  
5 So this has been a work for quite some time for the  
6 Department of Vital Records.

7           So it was from that action, that legislation,  
8 and we didn't actually get to a point with a vendor of  
9 computer systems software and all that and fund sweeps  
10 and all kind of different things that happened over the  
11 years in the legislature, in the budget. So it's  
12 taken -- as I said earlier, it's taken us 9 years to get  
13 to the point where we are now in Illinois, and, that is,  
14 really rolling out the system, funeral homes, coroners,  
15 the medical doctors, et cetera, all who play a part in  
16 certifying a death certificate in Illinois are starting  
17 to come online.

18           But it's been a long work in progress when you  
19 combine that you're starting anew, but you're also trying  
20 to take all the old data records -- not data, the old  
21 print records and roll those over into data. So it's  
22 been -- George Rudis has overseen that with the  
23 Department of Vital Records for the last several years,  
24 and as I indicated, the Sheriff's Department would -- I

1 would think would be a great resource within the  
2 Department of Vital Records for not only this task force  
3 but for your agency, as well as anyone else looking for  
4 these records.

5 SECRETARY ADAMS: We are working with the Department  
6 of Vital Records. We have begun that dialogue, so we are  
7 working with them.

8 HONORABLE HOLMES: So, Secretary, would there need  
9 to be someone in the role of compliance director,  
10 compliance manager, compliance whatever in order to  
11 ensure that not only are the proper records filed but  
12 that they're crosschecked, not from a site point of view  
13 but crosschecked from a recordskeeping point of view, or  
14 would it be sufficient that there's just information  
15 sharing between two departments?

16 SECRETARY ADAMS: I think there should be both. I  
17 think there should be a person primarily responsible for  
18 that particular section. The way the department is  
19 structured we have sections devoted to health-related  
20 investigations, we have sections related to the  
21 investigation of detectives, of design firms, of  
22 architects, what have you. So there would be, in my  
23 view, someone who should be supervising that particular  
24 regulatory framework.

1 HONORABLE HOLMES: Any other questions?

2 REPRESENTATIVE DAVIS: I do. I'd like to ask the  
3 director, do you believe that an Illinois resident would  
4 be more likely to oversee his or her property be it a  
5 cemetery, what have you? Do you think that perhaps a  
6 person who owns a cemetery in Illinois should be a  
7 resident of Illinois rather than have someone who is  
8 away, maybe who never returns, who only collects the  
9 money?

10 SECRETARY ADAMS: We have a lot of experience  
11 regulating entities that have locations out of state. If  
12 they subject themselves to the state's regulatory  
13 authority and avail themselves of the opportunities to  
14 market themselves in our state, they have to commit to  
15 certain requirements, namely, subjecting themselves to  
16 examination on an annual basis or what have you. And  
17 also if we expand our regulatory authority to include  
18 both the manager and the workers who would be on site, we  
19 would create personal accountability for them.

20 So I think we could -- we do with most of our  
21 professions allow out-of-state entities to be owners, but  
22 we subject them to annual examinations, and we require  
23 them, for example, if we are going to go out there -- we  
24 go to other countries sometimes. We go out there, they

1 are required to pay for the examination as part of the  
2 licensing process.

3 REPRESENTATIVE DAVIS: Can you give us an example of  
4 what some of those other entities might be?

5 SECRETARY ADAMS: What do you mean?

6 REPRESENTATIVE DAVIS: The other entities that  
7 operate from out of state or out of the country.

8 SECRETARY ADAMS: I know, for example, in the title  
9 insurance industry we regularly go out of state to  
10 examine title insurance underwriters. That's an entity  
11 that we examine.

12 HONORABLE HOLMES: They would own a business in our  
13 state but actually not be a resident of the state?

14 SECRETARY ADAMS: That's correct. They are  
15 incorporated in another state.

16 HONORABLE HOLMES: We're looking at the owner as the  
17 place of corporation, not the actual person who -- not an  
18 individual, but the actual company or the corporation?

19 SECRETARY ADAMS: Right.

20 REPRESENTATIVE DAVIS: Well, my own only concern,  
21 Mr. Director, is that funeral employees do as they're  
22 directed as that young lady stated -- cemetery. I  
23 apologize. They do as they're directed. Now, if they're  
24 directed from somebody out of state, and the people are

1 living in state must follow those directives, then where  
2 is this owner held accountable? We can't skip that part.  
3 We just can't skip it.

4 And having financial institutions, corporate,  
5 out of state, no problem. That's paper, that's money.  
6 Here we're talking about lives. You know, like do we  
7 have -- I don't know if this is a good example, but do we  
8 have physicians or hospitals where the corporate owner is  
9 out of state?

10 SECRETARY ADAMS: The Department doesn't regulate  
11 hospitals so I couldn't attest to that. And as to  
12 physicians, I'm not entirely familiar with how their  
13 corporate structures are.

14 REPRESENTATIVE DAVIS: About how many direct funeral  
15 -- cemetery owners would be affected if we decided that  
16 you have to be a resident of Illinois to own a cemetery  
17 here? How many would be affected? I think there are 900  
18 in the State, 600 in Cook County.

19 SECRETARY ADAMS: That's a good question, and I  
20 think one that we would probably want to ask the  
21 Comptroller when he comes to testify. I do -- I tend to  
22 surmise that a lot of cemeteries would become ineligible  
23 as of the moment which we require them to be Illinois  
24 residents, but as to the precise number, I don't know.

1           REPRESENTATIVE DAVIS: Thank you, Mr. Director.

2           HONORABLE HOLMES: That's a good question for us to  
3 look into to determine if to -- to the extent we can  
4 because I know that the for-profit cemetery business is a  
5 big business and it's multi-state. So --

6           SECRETARY ADAMS: Multi-national.

7           HONORABLE HOLMES: Multi-national. Which would mean  
8 that to the extent that we became the only state that had  
9 to have a resident owner, it could affect our ability to  
10 attract that industry to our state as well. So I think  
11 looking at it from both sides.

12          REPRESENTATIVE BRADY: Thank you, Ma'am Chair.

13 Along the lines of what Representative Davis was  
14 indicating, flip side of that, I'm sure that we have a  
15 fair amount of cemetery owners from out of state, from  
16 out of Illinois that own cemeteries in Illinois that do  
17 things by the book, and they do a good job, that falls  
18 under the Cemetery Care Act.

19                 With the legislation I've tried to work  
20 towards, I think it's very important for this committee  
21 to keep sight on the fact that whether they're owners or  
22 not, Illinois residents, people working in the cemeteries  
23 in Illinois that we do a better job licensing them  
24 individually and finding out who is interacting with

1 those families and what they're telling those families  
2 because wherever the owner sits, it's the folks that are  
3 there on a daily basis that are interacting with those  
4 families, and that's what I think we need to really focus  
5 on about who they are, how we license them because they  
6 don't do it right now, demand continuing education, and  
7 maybe we do a better job of those who don't want to go  
8 through that type of a criteria from ever getting in the  
9 industry to begin with.

10 REPRESENTATIVE DAVIS: That would also perhaps  
11 prohibit them from carrying out illegal orders. You  
12 know, maybe that would make them more fearful if they  
13 were being licensed that if I do this I could lose my  
14 license and not be allowed to work again. So that's an  
15 excellent point.

16 HONORABLE HOLMES: Any other questions?

17 MR. SULAMOYO: Ma'am Chair, this is more of a  
18 question on process. The Secretary gave an update on  
19 what we've done so far. Just wanted to get some clarity  
20 as to what the next steps are.

21 We've shared with the public the future hearing  
22 dates and who is going to testify, but in terms of the  
23 September 15th date by which we should submit a report to  
24 the Governor, how that's all going to play out.



1           HONORABLE HOLMES: Yes. So we will continue to do  
2           our research, continue to hear from members of the public  
3           as well as the individuals that he's indicated. My  
4           office is also working to draft a report that our  
5           committee will review and submit information to. We will  
6           continue our discussions, open discussions, in our next  
7           meetings to make certain that we've heard from as many  
8           people as we wish to hear from and that we've obtained as  
9           much information as we possibly can with respect to our  
10          investigation so that our report will be completed by our  
11          September 15th meeting and we can then tender that report  
12          to the Governor at that time.

13          MR. McNARY: Ma'am Chair, as someone who does not  
14          have a lot of experience on this issue, let me just say I  
15          really appreciate the expertise of Representative Brady  
16          and also the legislative knowledge of Representative  
17          Davis as we work through this on how to propose  
18          legislation.

19                 But when we talk about going forward, I've  
20          listed 7 things, and I don't know how many of these 7  
21          things based upon the testimony I've heard that's under  
22          our purview.

23                 Before I list those 7 things, let me echo  
24          Representative Davis' request that we have someone here,

1 at least request someone here from Perpetua to come and  
2 testify before this panel. Ms. Dailey's testimony only  
3 gives me even more questions to ask them. I truly  
4 believe that this thing goes further than those four  
5 individuals that got arrested, and though criminal is not  
6 our purview, I still think there's some questions that if  
7 they would appear before this panel that talks about  
8 regulation that need to be answered.

9 The 7 areas I have here: Number 1, regulation  
10 and oversight, which basically leads to talking about  
11 inspection as well; the point of licensing individuals as  
12 opposed to licensing cemeteries; number 3, a consumer  
13 bill of rights so that when someone goes to a cemetery  
14 they get something in their hands that lets them know  
15 what they have, when they have it, and so they'll always  
16 know and have that peace of mind ever knowing.

17 Four, recordkeeping, which is the maps of the  
18 graves and the headstones; five -- and I don't know if  
19 again this is under our purview -- maybe the penalties  
20 for doing what happened are too small, so maybe we need  
21 to talk about increasing the penalties.

22 One of the ways that someone like Mr. Dailey,  
23 for example, could be protected is maybe we have some  
24 whistleblower protection. Maybe that's one way we can

1 get out if somebody notices something at these cemeteries  
2 that is not right and they report it, then their jobs  
3 won't necessarily be at stake, and they may not in  
4 trouble.

5 And, lastly is compensation for the victims  
6 that have gone through this tragedy. Those are the 7  
7 points. I don't know how many of those 7 is under our  
8 purview, but at the appropriate point in time if we could  
9 be directed on those things, that would be good for me.  
10 I'd -- I have some suggestions.

11 HONORABLE HOLMES: I think they are all under our  
12 purview. We have a right to suggest to the Governor the  
13 areas that we believe legislation should cover. I think  
14 each of those is extremely great. I think that we will  
15 be addressing most of those areas. The only one that I  
16 think that might be a little shaky is the penalties. You  
17 know, I think that that's one of those areas where it's  
18 criminal and civil, so we could definitely recommend  
19 civil penalties, but I don't know that the civil  
20 penalties will ever be enough when you have this sort of  
21 circumstance.

22 But what does strike me is the whistleblower  
23 aspect of your list because for someone in Mr. Dailey's  
24 situation, quite possibly a whistleblower provision may

1 -- with strict guidelines for who you blow the whistle  
2 to, what has struck me is that over the last few days of  
3 our testimony is that people are calling everybody, but  
4 nobody is calling the same group. So you've got people  
5 who are calling the police, calling the sheriff,  
6 calling -- but what I did not hear is that people were  
7 calling the Comptroller, which is the person who should  
8 have been called.

9 Now, some people did, but -- so under our  
10 current situation, the people who we would instinctively  
11 or intuitively go to were not the individuals who viewed  
12 themselves as having the authority to deal with the  
13 situation so they appear to ignore the situation. So I  
14 think we definitely should address that area. So that's  
15 absolutely fantastic.

16 Now, I would like to ask a question with  
17 respect to your last point, which was compensation for  
18 the victims. I guess maybe, Secretary Brent, you might  
19 have some input on this, as well as our legislators, but  
20 what about a mandatory insurance for individuals who own  
21 cemeteries, for-profit cemeteries in our state. Maybe  
22 that might address Representative Davis' point that if  
23 you're out of state and you're not really paying  
24 attention to what's going on then you at least need to

1 have some type of insurance in case something goes wrong.

2 REPRESENTATIVE DAVIS: I would certainly agree with  
3 that, Ma'am Chairman. And as far as Mr. McNary, I think  
4 your points are excellent, but I'd like to see included  
5 mandatory reporting, in other words, if I'm a police  
6 officer from Alsip and I'm notified that there's  
7 something going on at a cemetery, I should be under some  
8 mandatory reporting system, for example, like sexual  
9 abuse. If someone tells a teacher that there's sexual  
10 abuse, you have to report it to several different  
11 agencies, you know, Department of Children and Family  
12 Services, police department, so forth. So mandatory  
13 reporting to any official who is notified I think would  
14 be good to be added to that.

15 I agree with you, Ma'am Chairman, that the  
16 insurance part would certainly help to protect victims  
17 and to make owners much more concerned with harm that  
18 comes to anyone who uses their facility, their cemetery.

19 Thank you.

20 One last thing for me, and I know this is  
21 difficult, but I know Mr. Adams has a gigantic staff  
22 there with great skills. I would like for us to get  
23 copies of all these laws. What do you think? Is that  
24 too difficult?

1 SECRETARY ADAMS: No, that is not too difficult.

2 REPRESENTATIVE DAVIS: If we could get a copy and if  
3 there's an analysis, we'd appreciate it. What do you  
4 guys think? Don't you think that might help?

5 HONORABLE HOLMES: Which would mean though --

6 REPRESENTATIVE DAVIS: Take a look at existing --

7 HONORABLE HOLMES: Just so the public knows, that  
8 means it would be uploaded to our website at  
9 cemeterytaskforce.illinois.gov so that you could also  
10 read it yourselves as well.

11 Just so you know, since we haven't shown this  
12 to you yet, but this is a list of about 30 or so acts  
13 that pertain to the burial of human remains, cemetery  
14 protection as well as cemetery governance. So these will  
15 be made available to you on the website. Give us some  
16 time because there are an awful lot of them, and I  
17 imagine that it's a lot of words. So give us a chance,  
18 particularly since Representative Davis asked for sort of  
19 an analysis or a summary of each of these. So that might  
20 take a little time so give us -- you've got to give us at  
21 least a week or so. Because there's a lot going on here  
22 with respect to these.

23 MR. SULAMOYO: Ma'am Chair, along the same lines,  
24 and I don't know if this will fall under the purview of

1 the task force, but I think given what has happened and  
2 what we're talking about, there may be a need for some  
3 sort of publication on what people's rights are as it  
4 relates to all these issues. I think there's a lot of  
5 statutes here, but you indicated, you know, people are  
6 calling either the Sheriff's office or somebody else, but  
7 no one was calling the Comptroller's office, and I'm not  
8 sure if it's clear to everyone that the Comptroller's  
9 office has some oversight over cemeteries.

10 HONORABLE HOLMES: Excellent. So sort of a campaign  
11 when we -- when the consumer bill of rights, whatever  
12 information is put into that consumer bill of rights that  
13 there may be a campaign, an advertising or marketing  
14 campaign centered around that, maybe a few pamphlets or  
15 something to that effect.

16 Anything else?

17 REPRESENTATIVE BRADY: I have a comment. Thank you  
18 very much.

19 Along the lines of the statutes that's been  
20 handed out and I referred to before, I think that goes to  
21 my point that we have enough laws on the books, maybe  
22 there needs to be some tweaking, but I think it's the  
23 folks -- it's enforcement that we're very lackadaisical  
24 on when we have this much legislation that sits out there

1 and acts. There have been -- the discussion of an  
2 education component to this, whether that be at-need or  
3 pre-need for a family that they be given, and they're  
4 supposed to under Illinois law quite frankly be given  
5 certain copies of documents, deeds, plots, records, et  
6 cetera, itemizations whether that be cemetery, funeral  
7 home, that there may be some type of more identifiable  
8 way to inform those families once we decide or the  
9 legislature may decide what agency should solely be in  
10 charge of responding to inquiries.

11 And I'd also like to ask, Ma'am Chair, as I  
12 drafted a letter, but to the Comptroller's cemetery  
13 division, I'd like to ask if we could have that division  
14 provide to the Committee the amount of inquiries,  
15 complaints, issues brought to their attention over the  
16 years regarding cemeteries, maybe something in the last 5  
17 years to be looked at because, if you look at certain  
18 media accounts and listen to other testimony we've had  
19 from other people, they have made inquiries to the  
20 Comptroller's office. In fact, the most recent consumer  
21 protection committee that Representative Davis and I were  
22 on, I think others, there is testimony from the  
23 Comptroller's Office as recent as May 22nd they were at  
24 Burr Oak Cemetery, and the question begs what were you



1     doing.  If you were investigating fiduciary problems,  
2     which they indicated occurred in 2007, you were back out  
3     at the cemetery as recently as that and allegedly went  
4     through the grounds when many of us have seen and I  
5     myself have been there to the cemetery, maybe the person  
6     never got out of their car.  I have no idea.  But I'd  
7     like to see if the committee couldn't move forward trying  
8     to get some of that information because I think a lot of  
9     this is going to center on as the Secretary has indicated  
10    do we have the correct agency and oversight and  
11    enforcement for these 33 acts throughout the State of  
12    Illinois.

13                 So thank you very much.

14                 HONORABLE HOLMES:  Thank you.  So just to recap, for  
15    our next three meetings, the individuals that we're going  
16    to reach out to who are not necessarily individuals but  
17    the areas of concern to the committee so that we can try  
18    and reach out and have people come and testify in  
19    addition to the ones that you heard from Secretary Brent,  
20    we are going to attempt to get a handle on the amount of  
21    complaints that have been made to the Comptroller's  
22    office, copies of documents that may be in the possession  
23    or control of Burr Oak, but certainly in private -- in  
24    for-profit cemeteries that families would obtain if they

1 came to that cemetery to purchase.

2 Reverend Brazier asked to see, for instance, if  
3 you were to go to a cemetery and they were to give you a  
4 contract or give you some type of document, what does it  
5 look like. So we'll try and find some of those documents  
6 to share with the task force so we can get a sense for  
7 what would the public actually get when you go and buy a  
8 cemetery --

9 SECRETARY ADAMS: I see one of the representatives  
10 of the association here, Curt. Perhaps you could obtain  
11 some samples of disclosure documents that are provided to  
12 consumers at cemeteries.

13 HONORABLE HOLMES: That would be wonderful. Thank  
14 you.

15 There's also a request to hear from some  
16 software companies, and that may be a little tricky  
17 because we don't want to choose one over any other. We  
18 just want to hear what type of software is out there that  
19 might assist in some of this tracking, sharing of  
20 information, does the State already have software that it  
21 uses or a software company that it uses. There are  
22 cemeteries -- cemetery software out there that assist in  
23 other states, and so we need to try and figure out if  
24 there's something that we can use here in our state.

1           There was a request to hear possibly from  
2     someone in the Alsip Police Department. That request was  
3     also made by Reverend Brazier. So we will see if that's  
4     feasible. Maybe they can explain what occurs when they  
5     get a complaint or when they got complaints and what did  
6     they do and why did they do what they did.

7           I also would like for us to see if we can get  
8     someone from the funeral director industry as well as the  
9     cemetery industry to talk a little bit more about -- I'm  
10    hearing so much about the bones, and there was a comment  
11    at our last meeting made -- after the meeting I overheard  
12    one of the funeral directors talking about how there are  
13    different kind of caskets. And so if you have a casket  
14    that is a water-soluble casket and after the first rain  
15    there's no more casket and so then you've just got bones  
16    in the ground and then the mud and dirt sort of  
17    dissipate, then all of a sudden you just have bones.  
18    That just strikes me as strange. So I'd like to hear  
19    somebody from the industry talk to us about that.

20           So we can deal with that issue too because it  
21    seems to me it's a public health issue as well. And we  
22    will send a letter to Perpetua and see if we can get  
23    someone to appear before us to explain why they did not  
24    have more responsibility, oversight, ownership of the

1 activities that were occurring at Burr Oak.

2 I think that is a large task for us over our  
3 next three weeks.

4 The next meeting be will from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00  
5 p.m. in Springfield on the first floor of the DCEO  
6 Auditorium at 620 East Adams Street.

7 Following that, August 27th, 2:00 to 4:00 p.m.  
8 back at the Thompson Center across the street.

9 September 10th when we will hear from  
10 Comptroller Hynes and Attorney General Lisa Madigan, 2:00  
11 to 4:00 p.m. again at the Thompson Center. And our final  
12 meeting will be September 15th, September 15th, at 12:30  
13 at the Thompson Center when we will issue our report.

14 Meeting is adjourned.

15 Thank you all so much for your time and  
16 attention. We really, really truly appreciate it.

17 MS. DAILEY: Are those meetings open to the public?

18 HONORABLE HOLMES: Every meeting is open to the  
19 public, and as is the website,  
20 cemeterytaskforce.illinois.gov. You can find every form  
21 and all the information regarding all of our meetings, as  
22 well as I think tapes of each meeting.

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